A FULL and TRUE

RELATION

Of the Appearing of a dreadful

GHOST

To one *John Dyer* in *Winchester-Yard* in *Southwark*; ſuppoſed to be the Spirit of *Jane Dyer* his Wife, who died four Months ſince.

Giving an Account of the amazing Circumſtances attending this Apparition, as the Shapes, and its purſuing him from Place to Place, with Violence uſed at ſundry times, in Laming him, and cruel Attempts to take away his Life; all very ſtrange and wonderful.

STrange and amazing it may ſeem to Mankind, that the Ghoſts or Spirits of the Departed ſhould be affrighting and troubleſome to the Living; nor would the Opinion of Aparitions by Spectators find much Credit in the World, had not undeniable Proofs made them palpable and apparent; yet this no doubt is by the Permiſſion of a Divine Power, who, though he can reſtrain the Power of Darkneſs, and all that depend on him, yet ſometimes he ſuffers ſuch things to be, to bring Secrets to Light, and upon many other Occaſions; but amongſt the Sundry Events of this kind, we account the Subject of this Paper to be of a very ſtrange and diſmal Effect, the Relation of which, take as we find it upon warrantable Report and Atteſtation, *&c.*

It ſo happened, that one *J. Dyer*, a Joyner, reputed to be a Man of much Honeſty and Integrity, induſtrious and laborious in his Calling, marrying ſome years ſince to a Woman, by whom he had divers Children; in proceſs of time, her Peviſhneſs and turbulent Temper created ſome Miſ-underſtanding between them, and Cavils with the Neighbours, and what contributed the more to the Latter, was their keeping a Publick Houſe at that time in *Deadmans-Place* in *Southwark*. The Husband, it ſeems, perceiving her much given

given to love Strife and Contention, laboured to reſtrain her by all manner of ways, but thoſe availed not, till Death, that tames the moſt Headſtrong, ſtept in, and took her out of the World. And now the good Man, upon this Alteration in his Family, promiſed himſelf a more comfortable Life than what he had enjoyed during his Marriage, but it proved otherwiſe, for ſhe who diſturbed him in her Life-time, was reſolved to diſquiet him after her Death: It ſeems ſhe was diſcontented upon her Death-Bead, and the Cauſe, amongſt other things, was, becauſe her Husband lent Money without her Conſent, which ſhe feared would be loſt.

Long her Body had not been buried, but the Houſe was diſquieted in the Night time with unuſual Noiſe, which by degrees increaſed, to the Terror of thoſe that were in it, or lived near it; but this not ſufficing, ſhe one Night appearing to him in a threatning Shape, with a flaming and dreadful Countenance, whilſt he was trembling at ſo horrid a Sight, and praying for Mercy and Protection from God, he received a mighty Blow on the Arm with a Pot, which has rendered that Arm lame, if not uſeleſs.

Ever ſince, at other times, there were other Shapes and Diſturbances, ſo that terrified with ſuch unuſual Diſorders, he left that Houſe as a Place haunted by evil Spirits; and leaving his Children, till he could ſettle again, with ſome of the Neighbours, their Houſes were likewiſe terrified with Noiſes and diſturbances, inſomuch that they were forced to ſend them away, and then the Diſturbance ceaſed, as alſo it did in the other Houſe after the Removal.

This Perſon, upon the aforeſaid Removal, ſetled in *Rocheſter-Yard*, diſtant from the former Dwelling, thinking there to be quiet; but it was not his Luck, for there the Noiſe and Diſturbance began again in a more fearful Manner, to almoſt diſtracting him; for inſtead of one Spirit, it is ſaid there came three, two of them in Ruffs, and all in threatning Poſtures, with Flame and Fury.

This wearied him in a manner out of his Life, as not knowing whether to fly from ſuch a Peſtilence, yet reſolved to try once more, and being adviſed to get farther off, he took a Conveniency in *Wincheſter-Yard*, near St. *Mary Overies Stairs*, where he now is; but this was not a ſufficient Flight from the purſuing Spirit, here again the revengeful Ghoſt found him, and ſeized him with Terror and Amazement, growing more and more deſperate, for on *Sunday* Night laſt, being the ſecond of *March*, as he was in his Bed, he was violently ſeized by a ſtrong Hand, and very barbarouſly uſed, though he at that time could diſcern no certain Shape; and ſo far proceeded this malicious Spirit to deſtroy him, that his Breath was ſtop'd till he was almoſt ſtifled; but it appeared after a hard Strugling, he was freed, though left in a very ſad Condition. He ſays he felt a perfect Hand, but for a time ſuch Terror ſeized him, that he made no further Search, praiſing God that the Spirit had no Power over his Life, though it has brought him almoſt to the Gates of Death.

Many hundred of People have been to ſee him, to ſatisfie their Curioſity by enquiry, and we hear ſome Miniſters have been Conſulted to give him Spiritual Conſolation, and bear up his Spirits, Leaſt this great Affliction ſhould Craze his Wits.

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